



# AMARILLO POLICE DEPARTMENT



July 25, 2019

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Attn: Samuel Sinyangwe  
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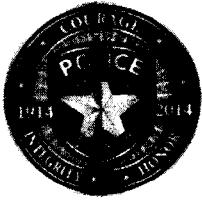
RE: Public Information Request #2019-1699

Via Certified Mail#: 917199999170304952844

Dear Samuel Sinyangwe,

This letter is in response to your public information request to the Amarillo Police Department, received in our office on 7/12/2019. You requested the following:

1. The total number of police use of force incidents, broken down by type of force used, between 2013-2018 (seperated by year).
2. The total number of people that police used force against, between 2013-2018 (seperated by year).
3. A copy of all complaints reported by civilians against police between 2013-2018.
4. A copy of any documents indicating whether the civilian complaints identified in request #3 were sustained.
5. The policy manual of the police department.
6. The current union contract between the city and any police unions or police associations.
7. All records regarding police shootings (including fatal police shootings, non-fatal police shootings and police shootings at the civilian that missed) between 2013-2018, including incident-level information specifying the date of each incident, race and gender of all subjects involved, what weapon if any they were armed with, any injuries or deaths resulting from the incident, the names of all officers involved, whether administrative investigations found the incidents to be justified under police department policy and any disciplinary actions taken against the officers as a result of the incident.
8. All records regarding civilian deaths or serious injuries resulting from police use of force between 2013-2018, including incident-level information specifying the date of each incident, race and gender of all subjects involved, what weapon if any they were armed with, any injuries or deaths resulting from the incident and the names of all officers involved.



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I'm writing to ask you to clarify or narrow your request.

Specifically, please describe which policy manual(s) you are requesting in part 5 of your request.

This letter requesting clarification is made pursuant to Texas Government Code § 552.222. If we do not receive a written response within 61 days from the date of this letter, the underlying request for public information will be considered to have been withdrawn in accordance with § 552.222. Please respond in writing using one of the following methods so that there is a record of your response:

1. via email to [apdrecords@amarillo.gov](mailto:apdrecords@amarillo.gov);
2. via facsimile to 806-378-9371;
3. via regular mail to Amarillo Police Department, Attn: Open Records, 200 S.E. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Amarillo, Texas 79101; or
4. in person at the Amarillo Police Department, 200 S.E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., Amarillo, Texas 79101. Third Floor, Records Division.

Upon receipt of your response, we will further respond to your request as required by law, including, if applicable, providing you with an estimate of costs associated with producing the requested records.

Thank you for your patience in awaiting this information.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this further, you may contact me at (806) 378-4260.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. Rush".

Derenda Rush  
Records Division  
Amarillo Police Department

Ed Drain  
Chief of Police

7-26-19

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**From:** 77200-26027580@requests.muckrock.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 12, 2019 10:22 AM  
**To:** @APD Records Request  
**Subject:** Texas Public Information Act Request: Texas police data (Amarillo Police Department)

Amarillo Police Department  
Texas Public Information Act Office  
200 Southeast 3rd Avenue  
Amarillo, TX 79101

July 12, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Texas Public Information Act, I hereby request the following records:

1. The total number of police use of force incidents, broken down by type of force used, between 2013-2018 (separated by year).
2. The total number of people that police used force against, between 2013-2018 (separated by year).
3. A copy of all complaints reported by civilians against police between 2013-2018.
4. A copy of any documents indicating whether the civilian complaints identified in request #3 were sustained.
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The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 10 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

Samuel Sinyangwe

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For mailed responses, please address (see note):

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